

**The narrator, forensic scientist Temperance Brennan, is meeting websleuth Hazel “Lucky” Strike for the first time.**

“What do you know about websleuthing ?” [...]

“Websleuths are amateurs competing online to solve cases.”

Wannabe forensic scientists and cops. Overzealous viewers of NCIS, Cold Case, CSI and Bones. I didn't add that. [...]

“Most people die, they get a funeral, a wake, a memorial service. There are eulogies, an obit(1) in the paper. Some get holy cards showing their faces with angels or saints or whatnot.[...] That's what's supposed to happen. That's how we deal with death. By recognizing a person's achievements in life.

“But what happens when someone just disappears? Poof.” Strike curled then exploded her fingers. “A man leaves for work and vanishes? A woman boards a bus and never gets off?”

“And what happens when a body turns up lacking ID? On a roadside, in a pond(2), bundled in a carpet and stashed(3) in a shed(4)? [...] Lost. Murdered. Dumped. Unclaimed(5). This country's overflowing with the forgotten dead. And somewhere, someone's wondering about each and every one of those souls.”

“And websleuthing is a way to solve the problem.”

“Darn right.”

Kathy Reichs, *Speaking in Bones*, 2015

1. Find the definition of a websleuth in the text.
2. Explain what cases websleuths investigate.
3. Describe Temperance's opinion of websleuths.
4. Explain why Hazel Strike believes what they do is important.